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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.